

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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) No. 1:19-CR-65
v.) Hon. Liam O'Grady
HAZEL SANCHEZ CERDAS,)
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Defendant.)

MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION

Undersigned counsel for Hazel Sanchez Cerdas, pursuant to Local Rule 57.4, moves this Court to grant *pro hac vice* status to pro bono co-counsel Gregory E. Van Houten, Esquire, so that he can appear on behalf of Ms. Sanchez at all court proceedings. The undersigned states the following in support of this motion:

1. The defendant, Hazel Sanchez Cerdas, has entered a guilty plea to Count One of the Indictment charging her with Interstate and Foreign Travel or Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprises. Her sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 2, 2019.
2. Gregory Van Houten is an attorney at the law firm of Haynes and Boone, LLP. He has been working pro bono on Ms. Sanchez's case since March 2019. His law firm is a participating partner in the Federal Public Defender's Pro Bono Counsel Program. Mr. Van Houten has been supervised by the undersigned, at least one of whom will be present in court with him at all court proceedings.
3. Mr. Van Houten is an associate at Haynes and Boone, a position he has held since 2018. Previously, he was an associate at other law firms in Washington, D.C.,

and New York. Mr. Van Houten is a 2015 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, and is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia and New York. He has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Attached, is Mr. Van Houten's Application for *Pro Hac Vice* admission before the instant Court.

4. Given that Mr. Van Houten's work on the defendant's case is pro bono and done under the auspices of the Federal Public Defender's Pro Bono Counsel Program, the undersigned also moves for a waiver of the \$75.00 *pro hac vice* fee. Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that this motion be granted and that the Court enter the proposed attached order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 2, 2019, I will electronically file the foregoing pleading with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will then send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the following:

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